



Learning from the past to protect the future.

**Alabama Department of Public Health
State Team Meeting Minutes
Montgomery, AL
October 15, 2015**

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State Team Members Present:

Sue Ash (Proxy-Commissioner Nancy Buckner-AL Dept of Human Resources)
Richard Burleson (ADPH Staff) (Proxy-Don Williamson, M.D.-State Health Officer)
Acquanetta Knight (Proxy-Commissioner Jim Perdue-AL Dept of Mental Health)
Sallye Longshore (Private Citizen)
Chris Newlin (Private Citizen)
Gina South (AL Network of Children's Advocacy Centers)
Jerry Williams (Private Citizen)
Bill Yates (Proxy-Gregory Davis, M.D.)

Guests/Staff Present:

Folashadé Ayanwale (ADPH Staff)
Aretha Bracy (ADPH Staff)
Wendy Caraway (ADPH Staff)
Bob Hinds (ADPH Staff)
Andrea Love (ADPH Staff)
Chief Tommie Reese (AL Association of Chiefs of Police)
Michelle Smith (AL Department of Public Safety)

Conference Call:

Marian Loftin (Private Citizen)
Ernest Wood, M.D. (Private Citizen)
Chief Steven Parrish (AL Association of Chiefs of Police)
Representative April Weaver (Chair of House Health Committee)
Kathy Monroe, M.D. (Medical Association of AL)

Call to Order

On October 15, 2015, at approximately 1:00 PM at the Alabama Industrial Development Training Center in Montgomery, Alabama, the Alabama Child Death Review System (ACDRS) State Team meeting was called to order by Aretha Bracy.

Welcome of Members and Guests

Ms. Aretha Bracy welcomed everyone and introductions were made by those in attendance.

Old Business

State Team Membership Update

Ms. Bracy reported on the recent appointments to include Dr. Steve Dunton who replaces Dr. Stephen Boudrea and represents the Alabama Department of Forensic Sciences; District Attorney Scott Anderson represents the District Attorney's Association; Chief Steven Parrish represents the Association of Chiefs of Police; and Representative April Weaver, Chair of the House Health Committee. Dr. Stephen Boudrea served many years on the state and several local review teams and we extend thanks for his expertise.

Two vacant positions include Dr. Debra Williams representing the Alabama Academy of Pediatrics, and Ms. Gina South representing the Alabama Network of Children's Advocacy Centers. Dr. James Henderson has relocated and tendered his resignation from his position representing the Alabama Academy of Family Physicians.

Approval of Minutes

The minutes for the April 16, 2015 meeting and July 16, 2015 conference call could not be approved because a quorum was not present.

ACDRS Annual Report

Ms. Bracy reported that plans were underway for the 2012 Annual Report and anticipates final production by the January 2016 meeting.

Case Status Update

Ms. Bracy provided percentages of qualifying cases from 2012 being at 67% and 2013 being at 31% completion. Many local teams have met and reviewed cases, but cases are not entered and marked complete in the online system.

Lawrence County has not reviewed and entered cases since the implementation of the new case reporting system. Efforts continue to encourage local teams to complete outstanding cases and include sending District Attorneys the case status report on a quarterly basis.

Students Against Destructive Decisions (SADD) Update

Ms. Ayanwale reported that SADD National is still moving forward with the "SADD Strong" chapters, which charges students a \$20 fee to join. She spoke with Dawn Texiera, the CEO, who assured that the money would "trickle down" to the chapters.

Urkeys2drive Update

Ms. Ayanwale discussed the last #URKEYS2DRV event held in Huntsville, Alabama on September 30, 2015. She also provided the overall stats for all four 2015 events which included attendance of students and teachers, counties reached, and commentary from attendees (pre & post surveys). In 2016 there will be three larger events in Birmingham, North Alabama, and the Wiregrass area.

Ms. Ayanwale attended the Trussville Playstation Driving Event on Oct 14, 2015 coordinated by Safe Kids Alabama and Children's Hospital. Ms. Ayanwale represented the Department and hosted the *GDL Family Feud* game show.

CPS Clinics

Ms. Ayanwale reported that the car seat clinics continue monthly where eligible families can receive appropriate child restraints and car seat checks. Ms. Ayanwale also reported on the Babypalooza event held at the RSA Activity Center on October 3, 2015. At the event, Ms. Ayanwale and the community technician, Chasity Duke, provided resources and “on the spot” education.

Ms. Ayanwale completed and submitted a grant to StateFarm requesting renewed funding for the year 2016.

New Business

Mr. Burluson reported on the personnel changes within the branch due to the unfunded “Youth Suicide” program. It was also reported that our State Health Officer Dr. Don Williamson is retiring and accepting a position with the Alabama Hospital Association, and the “Acting State Health Officer” will be Dr. Thomas Miller.

Tentative 2016 Meeting Dates

- Thursday, January 21, 2016
- Thursday, April 21, 2016
- Thursday, July 21, 2016*
- Thursday, October 20, 2016*

* The July or October meeting date could change to coincide with the biennial training conference.

Open Discussion

- After a discussion of the inactive or low performance local teams, Mr. Chris Newlin suggested that local team members meet approved criteria for participation in the biennial training conference.
- Chief Tommy Reese requested Safe Sleep brochures for the Demopolis fitting stations.
- Mr. Chris Newlin also gave a description and background of the National Children’s Advocacy Center as well as services offered.
- Remarks were made in regards to educating immigrants on Safe Sleep through perinatal programs.
- Mr. Jerry Williams provided a brief history of the Sudden Unexpected Infant Death Initiative (SUIDI) Training and recommended that CDR staff resume this training for the appropriate audience.

Executive Session (if necessary)

An executive session was not called during this meeting.

Adjourn

There being no further items on the agenda and no further discussion requested, without objection, the meeting was adjourned.